

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2016 - Fuller Town Hall @ 3:30 p.m.

Selectmen present: Ladd, Davis and Macdonald: Other present: Ben Blodgett, Vicki DeLalla, Charles Goulet and Suzanne Goulet.

Larry started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Selectmen started with the issue tabled from last week. Ben Blodgett asked the Selectmen if he would give them \$4,000.00 now would the Selectmen forgive the rest of the interest and taxes owed on the old Brenda Phillips land and residence that Ben purchased at auction. The Selectmen wanted more time to research and think about this. Suzanne gave examples where others had come forward and asked for the same thing or similar and the previous Selectmen refused. Dawn also came in with the figures on the taxes and the interest owed on the property with some more examples of when the Selectmen refused to forgive interest and taxes.

The Selectmen decided that they could not do this for Ben at this time. Ben said that it didn't hurt to ask. Ben told the Selectmen that in the basement of the former Brenda Phillips house he found a faucet that he thinks runs to the McMann garage just down in back of her house. Ben said that he thinks that is where all of the water may have been going and maybe there isn't a break from the Fire Station to the house. Ben said that he shut it off. Ben asked if Carlton could meet him there some afternoon to check it out and the Selectmen agreed that it would be a good idea just to make sure. Suzanne said that Carlton would be called and something would be set up.

Vicki DeLalla asked the Selectmen if they could buy a K-Cup machine for the Election Workers and Suzanne told the Selectmen that they are not that expensive and the Selectmen said to go ahead and purchase it.

Jamie asked about having a microphone at the Town Meeting since Hoot McMann said that he would not be able to attend Town Meeting because he can't hear anything. This was done one year, the microphone was borrowed from the school, but not continued. The Selectmen decided to borrow the microphone from the school again this year and see how it goes. Jamie also said that he would like it to be posted on the website and postings.

Jamie said he spoke to Tanko and they said that there would a minimal fee charged for moving streetlights.

Jamie also asked since the Budget Hearing is over and everything is pretty well set for Town Meeting, could the meetings go back to every other week and the other Selectmen agreed with this.

Davis/Macdonald (3/0 approved) motion to go back to every other week for Selectmen's Meetings.

Ladd/Davis (3/0 approved) motion to sign the Manifest and order the Treasurer to sign P/R Check #35162-35168 in the amount of \$1,207.42 and DD P/R Checks in the amount of \$1,909.90 and A/P Checks #35169-35170 in the amount of \$137.99 as presented on the Agenda.

Ladd and Macdonald said that they would be in next Monday to sign the manifest.

Davis/Ladd (3/0 approved) motion to approve meeting minutes for 2/8/16 with one addition.

Reviewed the Chapman Invoice for the town road repair on Mason Rd. that is still not paid and there has been no contact from the Chapmans. The Selectmen decided that they would like a final notice to go out to them informing them that they either need to pay this, contact the office, meet with the Selectmen or there will be a lien put on their property for the amount owed.

Reviewed the DOT Red List for Bridges and found none to be in Stratford.

Reviewed Library Minutes.

Ladd/Davis (3/0 approved) motion passed to adjourn meeting at 4:52 p.m.

Prepared by B. Ladd